

18th November 2022

This Week's News

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Key Dates:

November

23rd – Year 9 Progress Evening

December

7th – Year 12 Progress Evening

14th – Carol Service

15th – Post 16 Celebration of Success

16th –Term Ends 1pm

Events & Last Day of Term

The end of term is always a busy time in College. We are looking forward to welcoming back our usual celebrations with our Christmas Carol Concert and Post 16 Celebration of Success after the pandemic prevented them from running for the last few years.

The Christmas Carol Concert will be held at Withycombe church on the 14th December.

Our Post 16 Celebration of Success is a fantastic evening where we invite current and alumni students into College to celebrate their achievements. This will be held on the 15th July.

We will write nearer the time with more details of both of these events.

The last day of term is Friday 16th December, with students finishing at 1pm as in previous years. Busses will leave College that day at 1.15pm.

HAF Programme

The [Holiday Activities and Food programme](#) is being delivered by a number of different individuals and organisations across Devon.

To access the programme, simply book a place through one of the providers listed using this [link](#). All clubs will be operating for a minimum of four hours, including a hot meal. Please note that booking details differ depending on each provider. The schemes are fully inclusive and accessible, so please discuss your child's needs with your chosen provider. We are one of the providers on the list.

Year 11 Coursing

We are delighted that 340 Year 11 students have already applied to our Post 16 for September 2023. We now start coursing meetings, taking place over the next few weeks. During the meeting, students are invited (with their parent/carer) to meet staff and discuss option subjects and the Post 16 provision in College. The meetings are bespoke to each student. Please do look out for your invite over the next few weeks.

Reporting Absence

We have trialled a new process for reporting student absence this term. We now request parents and carers report absence using the online form on the Contact Us page of our website [here](#). We are grateful for the feedback received, and will continue to use this format moving forward. More details, including how to report absence if unable to access the form, can be found on the webpage.

Year 9 Progress Evening

Our Year 9 progress Evening (formally Parents and Carer Evening) will take place on Wednesday 23rd November 4pm – 7.30pm. This will be online using our *Parents Booking* system. The evening is an opportunity for parents and carers of Year 9 students to meet with their child's subject teachers to discuss their progress in lessons. If you have not already done so, please book appointments using the Parents Booking website [Login | Parents Booking \(parents-booking.co.uk\)](#)

Academy Days

As you are aware, we have significant building work taking place across the site to further improve our College. We are pleased to report that we are nearing the completion of the Elizabeth Lee building on Green Close and have therefore started to plan for classrooms and offices to move into the new building. This will be a huge task as, once we take ownership from the construction company, we will need to ensure all ICT and furniture is in place prior to staff moving in. To facilitate this move, we have applied for, and been granted, two Academy Days to allow staff to pack up their classrooms and offices and move in. These will fall either side of the Easter break on Friday 31st March and Monday 17th April 2023. We are currently planning for these days to provide onsite or offsite learning with priority given to exam classes. We will update you nearer to the time.

Petition to Government

You may have seen in the news that two thirds of schools will be in deficit by the end of this financial year.

This is through no fault of their own.

Costs such as fuel and unfunded staff pay increases are rising and funding is still not back to levels seen over a decade ago.

Devon is already funded at a lower level than many other counties and therefore staffing levels are lower in many schools than they have been in previous years despite demands on schools being higher than ever following the pandemic.

The current funding increase and energy bill relief scheme will not be enough to prevent further cutbacks. This will greatly harm our education system and pupils.

Please **sign and share** this petition here to get this crisis debated in parliament

- <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130>

Thank you on behalf of our learning community.

Vacancies in College

We have a number of **new vacancies** advertised on our website: [Here](#)

Posts Include:

- Teacher of Science
- Counsellor
- Casual Supply Teachers
- Learning Mentor (Teaching Assistant)
- Cover Coordinator
- Meal Time Assistant

Not seen a job for you? Use our Talent Pool form to join our mailing list should appropriate career opportunities arise:

[Exmouth Community College - Join Talent Pool \(exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

Student Success

Ten Tors

Ten Tors training has been underway for a few weeks! An excellent group of students accompanied by our dedicated staff have been navigating their way across Dartmoor just this weekend.

Careers

Last week during Lesson 42, and across all subject areas, students took part in the first Careers themed week of the year. Students learnt about Labour Market Information (LMI) and how their skills link to the future job market.

Students were able to explore their own career aspirations and the

skills they will need to pursue it!

As you can see from the pictures- there is a very interesting range.



Year 7 Library Celebration Week

Year 7 have had a fantastic start Library at ECC, we have been overwhelmed with their enthusiasm, artistic skills and audience participation when we had the two visiting authors Matt Oldfield and Patrice Lawrence. Both authors were impressed with the work they produced and had their photos taken with some of the portraits displayed.

31 prizes will be awarded to Year 7's during their assembly this week recognising their hard work, including two Kindle Fire's for the Summer Reading Challenge, Amazon vouchers, reading journals, Matt Oldfield and Patrice Lawrence books. Well done Year 7 and look out for the Christmas competitions coming up soon.